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Mrs. Dana for Free Speech, Not Free Love

Protests Against Accounts of Her Wedding

She Says There Is Either Universal Ignorance or Business Interests Try to Give Socialism a Bad Name.

By JESSIE HOLLIDAY DANA.

To the people of America:

I want to protest most strongly against the way in which the press has dulled our wedding a "Socialist Wedding."

From the numerous columns I have, I read accounts and headlines which imply that we dispensed with a church service because we are Socialists!

Even that most well informed and serious of papers—the Daily Telegraph of London—states that: "Socialist Wedding: Remarkable Ritual" and proceeds to describe the details of the ceremony, thereby suggesting a necessary connection between Socialism and immorality.

All this shows either the universal ignorance which prevails about Socialism, or else the desperate and undignified efforts of the business interests to give it a bad name.

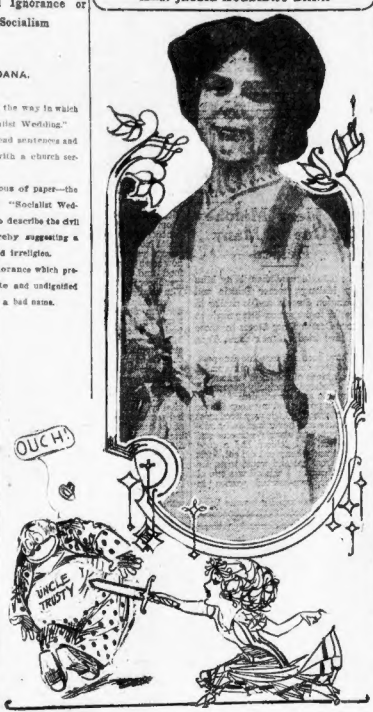
Let me here state for my husband and myself and for all the Socialists of the world, that Socialism has no necessary connection with atheism, agnosticism, or any other form of irreligion. You can be a Christian, a Mahomedan, a Theosophist, a Unitarian, a Pythagorean, or what you will, and yet be a Socialist. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man are not only the basis of Socialism, but also the basis of all true religion. There is even a Socialist Bible; though written by a man of the Middle Ages, it contains the best of the best of the world's literature. I don't know how they reconcile it with the Gospel; perhaps they are busy squaring the circle with the modernists; or perhaps they are too busy to get it in proper for the sake of heaven.

Writes with Authority.

There is also in England the Christian Social Union—a large body of churchmen which works for and identifies itself with Socialism. I was a member of all these parties and have known before of them. So I write with authority. In America, too, I have met a great many Socialists who are also Christians—their religion is really religion.

Mr. Dana and I do not believe in the present day conventional religion. We believe in the religion of the future, the religion of the marriage of Socialism and Christianity.

MRS. JESSIE HOLLIDAY DANA



OUCH! UNCLE TOM!

minister who is a great friend, but finally decided that all the services had been spent and made arrangements for being taken lightly. So we made up our mind to please ourselves with as little of formal as possible for Socialists or anyone else. We tried to express ourselves as man and woman, not as politicians. It had nothing to do with our ideas on government.

In our goodness sake got out of your heads that Socialism is also atheism. Free love and destruction of the home! It's a wonder people don't think it's a last resort or a last resort. It will be both honestly, but that's not its main reason. Socialism is merely a system of government whereby the chief means of production—railways, harbors, mines, trusts, etc., shall be held and controlled by the State instead of by private individuals or companies.

What Socialism Wants. Socialism wants the business of the People to be run by the People for the interests of the People. Capitalism the monster of the present system, with its two heads—greed and monopoly—must be destroyed. In order to gain everyone sees it that the business of the people is run by the capitalists for their own interest.

What fabulous monster of ancient times devoured so many children and killed so many youths and maidens as this fiend beast of reality? Socialism is breaking up the parents but this system that forces the parents to work so long and so hard that they have neither time nor energy to care for their children.

What is destroying the family but this system which creates wealth for a few out of the labor and the lives of the people?

What accounts for the saloons, the drinking dens and the gambling shops but the money-making "practical" but the money-making "practical" is this "true religion and undenied"?

Mr. Dana and I don't think much of a religion which tolerates this state of affairs. We think Socialism the practical outcome of Christ's teaching. Anyone who reads their Bible intelligently and compares it with the last Socialist literature will agree that Christ was only a carpenter on strike—and was crucified for exposing the hypocrisy of the rich; and, of course, "the sinner" can't take him too seriously.

WHAT MRS. JESSIE HOLLIDAY DANA HAS FOR CREED

Mrs. Dana was Miss Jessie Holliday, an English painter, before her marriage to Edmund Trevellick Dana, grandson of the poet Longfellow.

She "just took" Mr. Dana, as she expressed it, and scorned conventionalities.

Composed marriage ritual. Believes wives should receive salaries from their husbands. Declares a husband should not smoke or drink or try to rule the house.

Believes in the simple life with a non-meat diet, and thinks the home should be maintained with little furniture.

Holds that women should not wear corsets and should adopt the tunic as the ideal dress.

Believes that men are "Lord, Lord" and pray where "They may be seen" and that they certainly "have their reward" in this manner.

Believes in America don't you get hung up by this monster covered by a cloak of Christianity and charity. But just you sit down and read about Socialism by Socialists and then get busy through the ballot and straight things out a bit.

I have written this letter knowing that the Boston AMERICAN is honest and true enough to publish it and hoping that the others will follow suit. I even challenge the special correspondent of the Daily Telegraph to find a place for it in their conspicuous columns. Why, I wonder, did he call ours a "Socialist Wedding" and then leave out the only socialist part of it? Namely, the question: "Do you both intend to bring up any children when you may have, to the best of your ability and for the welfare of the human race?" Was it just stupidity or was Judge for Lincoln's "Beast" at work?

None for Socialism and free speech (not "free love," please kindly notice). JESSIE HOLLIDAY DANA.

Prepare Astor Home For Stork's Arrival

NEW YORK, July 5.—The Astor home, located on Fifth Avenue is being prepared for the arrival of the stork in accordance with the wishes of Vincent Astor, stepson of Mrs. Madison Fane Astor, who is expecting a child.

KNOCK OUT WALL FOR LAUNCHING OF TECH BUILT BOAT

When the Massachusetts Institute of Technology went into the west building business, they weren't deterred by the fact that they had no docks. The professors simply "laid down" the kind of their new experimental boat, the Fulton, in a laboratory on the second floor of the Garrison street shops.

Old Liberty Bell a Fraud, Says Historian

PHILADELPHIA, July 5.—If historical Joseph Jackson of Philadelphia is correct, Uncle Sam's most cherished tradition has gone to smash. In that the famous old Liberty Bell never pealed forth its glad notes at the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

MOTHERS' PENSION LAW IN COLORADO

DENVER, July 5.—A bill to subsidize mothering by the State will be presented to the voters in November under the Colorado initiative and referendum law. The bill provides for regular cash payments to widowed or needy mothers with children in support. It is backed by Mrs. R. L. Lantry, the "Mother Judge" by George C. Lantry, Commissioner of Police under Denver's reform administration and by various charitable and social betterment organizations.

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**KING WONDERING
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Mrs. Elmira Reed, Miss Fannie Jones and two spaniel puppies were rescued in an early today in the basement of a three-story brick building at No. 218 Shawmut avenue. The damage is placed at \$1,000.

Manuel Butler carried Mrs. Reed, who is lame, to the street. He also carried out Miss Jones, who had been overcome by smoke. A ladderman of Ladder No. 3, rescued the puppies, whose yelps from the third floor attracted his attention.

FIRE DRIVES OUT SIX.

Fire, caused by a man smoking in bed, drove the half-dozen occupants of the three-story wooden dwelling house at No. 139 Elmo street, Roxbury, out of the building in their nightclothes early today.

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AYER'S ACCUSER FACES CHURCH

The trouble in the Park and Downe Union Congregational Church of Woburn, which was precipitated by the \$25,000 suit for alienation of his wife's affections brought by Chester A. Blyden, pastor of the church, will reach its climax at a double meeting of the church and the executive committee tonight.

Blyden has been summoned to show cause why he should not be dropped from the church roll. His friends are preparing to present evidence which, they allege, will abundantly justify his suit against the pastor.

The church is split wide open by the fight. Ten members have taken their letters and left the church, twenty-three have moved away, and there are now forty-two out of a congregation of less than 200 that are in active opposition to the pastor and determined to effect his removal.

Mr. Blyden is the storm center. He is charged by the loyal element with opposition to the church and the pastor, and with attempting to injure the church. He declares that he only brought the suit after all else had failed, and that he had kept quiet for the sake of the church for a long time.

A large number of the church people support the pastor. He has been investigated by a board of the Suffolk South Association of Ministers, who declared that the most serious charges were not proven. The report says: "While we do not approve of certain things that the Rev. Mr. Ayers has said and done, we confine his ministerial standing."

In reply to the summons to appear before the church, Mr. Blyden has prepared a long statement, setting forth all the incidents of his acquaintance with the Rev. Mr. Ayers from the time he first met the minister to the time his wife left home.

This, with evidence collected by George L. Colburn, will be presented, and a determined fight will be made to retain Mr. Blyden's membership.

DOUBT GUARDS AT COL. ASTOR'S TOMB; FRIENDS ALARMED

NEW YORK, July 5.—Friends of Colonel John Jacob Astor are greatly concerned over the fact that the guards at his tomb in Trinity Cemetery have been doubled. The body of Colonel Astor was brought to this city on May 4, after the funeral services in the church of the Holy Sepulchre. The entombment took place in Trinity Cemetery, Amsterdam avenue and one hundred and fifty-fourth street. The casket was placed in a niche in the family vault beside the casket of his father and sister that of his father.

Two men have guarded it night and day, the tomb since it was built. But within a few days four men have been detailed to protect the place, and an explanation has been vouchsafed as the reason for the increased protection.

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PUSH HUNT FOR MISSING HEAD

WONSOCKET, July 5.—Chief of Police Lowell J. Boston, with Detective Sergeant Burton, and every available member of the Wonsocket police department, today turned every effort in one direction. Their series was to find the head missing from the body recently taken from the Blackstone River.

The head MUST be found. Those are the instructions which have been given out. For it is evident today that without the head positive identification of the body is practically impossible.

And under living island law, no one can be charged with murder unless the murdered person be named.

Henry Desnoire, held by the police on the supposition that the body is that of Mrs. Angèle Parmentier-Desnoire, will be arraigned next Saturday. He has retained two of the ablest lawyers in Rhode Island—former Lieutenant Governor Adlai Archambault and Eugene H. Jaffet. When Desnoire is arraigned these attorneys will at once say to the court: "You cannot arrest the man of the murder of Angèle Parmentier-Desnoire. You cannot prove the body of this woman. Therefore, you cannot hold this man."

Must Find Head.

And unless the police can prove to the satisfaction of the judge that the identification is correct, Desnoire will be released.

On the drifting of the head, then, hinges the solution of the mystery of the headless body. The police are now waiting for Rhode Island authorities.

New evidence has appeared in the case. The remains now have covered every inch of the surrounding country, and have been found in the mud of the Blackstone River, have turned in to the police two sweater knives, found near Desnoire's home, and seven tomato cans, wrapped up together in an old suit and containing shreds and strips of cloth, apparently cut by a knife.

The knives were rusted. They appeared to have been in the water about two weeks. The cloth is the same as the clothing formerly recovered. There was found also a tuxedo shirt, with buttons missing, and a strip of the cloth appeared to be portions of a man's underclothes. All are in the hands of the police.

Mystery a Classic.

The Mystery of the Headless Body—for so it will be known in the annals of Rhode Island criminology—side fall to go down as a classic. For the final solution, even if the head is found, will depend almost wholly on the application of the famous "serum test" for blood stains.

The serum test is a recent discovery. It is science is able to say absolutely, "This is blood." It is the blood of a human being—or of a calf, or a pig, or a chicken—at the case may be. In some cases, science has been able to say absolutely, "This is the blood of such and such an individual."

In the possession of the police are several articles, bearing stains thought to be stains of blood.

There is a splinter from the floor of the Desnoire home.

There is a waist, found by those who dragged the river.

There are portions of the torn cloth found in the tomato cans.

And there are the two knives, which bear dark brown stains, possibly rust, and possibly hiding stains of blood.

For a time it threatened to spread to adjoining property, and this caused the ringing in of a second alarm.

The alarm started on the second floor of the building, which is a four-story wooden structure, with a mass of 50,000. The fire caused much excitement in the neighborhood and gave the firemen a three-hour battle. For a time it threatened to spread to adjoining property, and this caused the ringing in of a second alarm.

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He Was a Peach to Make a Speech

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By Gus Mager

UPON THE FOURTH, THAT GLORIOUS DAY,
I HAVE SOME FITTING WORDS TO SAY.

I'LL MAKE MY WAY INTO THE HALL,
AND MAKE A SPEECH TO STIR THEM ALL.

WHY ARE WE HERE, UPON THIS DAY?
WHY ARE WE HERE, AGAIN I SAY!

MY FRIENDS, I TELL YOU ONE AND EACH
WE'RE HERE TO HEAR ME MAKE A SPEECH!



A Mysterious Disappearance

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TODAY'S INSTALLMENT

PART II (Continued).
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A Willful Murder

BUTCH sent a telegram to Mrs. Hiller at Paris. "Matters satisfactory arranged pending your arrival," he wrote, and early on Monday morning he received a reply: "This Charles Cross I know of. I will drive straight to your chambers with my brother."

DOWNFALLING HILLER

He forwarded the message with a note to the detective, asking him to be present. About a clock Corbett turned up.

"Come I must wait just slight after the excitement," he said, with a pleasing smile, "and I would like to see those chairs with a few words, Mr. Bruce, then I did wish a revolver."

"The English police are not so much afraid of revolvers as they are of making mistakes," was the answer.

"Now, is that all? On our side they wouldn't have stopped to argue. Both of 'em would have drawn on me at once."

"Then I am glad, for everybody's sake," Mr. Corbett, that the affair happened in London."

"Why, sure, but tell me, like my friend Messmore, how getting himself into trouble?"

"Not so much as it looks. Others appear to have been involved but without his knowledge, and he has left only the remains by involuntary actions of a suspicious nature."

"Well, if it is permissible, I should like to have the straight story."

Under the circumstances, Bruce thought that this stranger from America had a right to know why he was in danger of being arrested during his first twenty-four hours residence in the country, so he gave him a correct narrative of the prima facie case against Messmore.

Corbett listened in silence to the recital, which, with my woman, I have known him for years, and a stranger, truly, one honest man I never met. I don't know what his reason was for assuming my name, which he undoubtedly did, as the agent called this morning and I had for the time being in my name."

"What did you say?"

"The man seemed a bit puzzled, but he didn't look when I offered to pay up the next evening since Christmas, and another quarter of eight."

"I don't suppose he did. The rest was due, then."

"It means that Messmore, writing in my name, sent a letter from Monte Carlo a month ago, saying he would return about this time and settle up."

"Then, seeing his letter all along to come back to London. It is a queer mode, Mr. Corbett, is it not?"

"Very, but you will pardon me as an outsider, maybe one thing you all appear to have overlooked a clear fact."

"What about Mrs. Hiller? Who is she? Who are her friends? Who was she?"

take her in such style? Herlie was with me four years and never mentioned her name. She could not have been rich by inheritance, as it was on account of their father going broke that Messmore had to leave the army and come to the States. It strikes me, Mr. Bruce, that the woman knows more about this affair than the man."

"You may be right. But do not forget the absolute proof we possess that the crime occurred in Messmore's chambers, and the extraordinary coincidence that he left England immediately afterward."

"I am not forgetting anything. These facts tell both ways. Just because he quit the country at the time somebody may have tried to throw the blame on him."

"The theory was plausible, though Bruce could not accept it. Nevertheless, after Corbett had taken his departure he could not help thinking about his reference to Mrs. Hiller. That there was force to them he could not deny, and with the admission came the unpleasant thought that perhaps he, Bruce, was in some sense responsible for the neglect to clear up her antecedents."

However, a few hours might explain much.

With unwonted impatience the barrier awaited the coming of night. He tried every expedient to kill time, and found each operation tedious.

The dinner early, and as half past seven came and passed he wondered why the detective did not appear.

But his doubts on this point did not last long.

Entered hurriedly

"White is looking at Charles Cross to make sure of their arrival," he said to him.

"Ten minutes to eight the detective came in hurriedly."

"They will be here directly," he announced. "A servant has taken their luggage and is driving straight here after taking some refreshment at the station."

"Have you no faith in human nature, Mr. White? Could you not trust their word?"

"Well, sir, my experience of human nature is that you can rely on no one's word."

At last, Mr. White announced Mrs. Hiller and Mr. Messmore.

When they entered Bruce was for the moment at a loss to know exactly how to receive them.

But Mrs. Hiller settled the matter by greeting him with a quiet "Good evening, and welcome," and Messmore stood near the door, very pale and stern-looking.

"It appears, Mr. Bruce," he said, "that we must wait for Monte Carlo under false pretenses. You were, I think, a detective on the track of a murderer, and you were good enough to believe that I was the person you sought. It would have saved some serious trouble for my part had you explained on the spot earlier. However, I am here to meet the charge."

"I have no objection to your going to the States, but I have suffered severely during the last three days from this cruel thought. Let us shake hands on it."

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CORBETT DECLARES MESSMORE IS INNOCENT



Corbett listened in silence to the recital. When it ended he said: "Mr. Bruce, my friend was incapable of murdering any woman."

(William F. Carleton, of "The Wall Street Girl" Company, as Bruce)

As their hands were their both heard Mrs. Hiller utter a sob. Messmore turned to her.

"Now, Gwen," he said, "don't be foolish. We will soon clear up this miserable business. So far as we are concerned, all we need is to tell the truth and let everybody."

"That's it," said White. "If you agree that Messmore is innocent, then Messmore is innocent."

"Well, then," said White, "I have come here to answer questions. What is it you want to know?"

Mr. White glanced at the barrister, and the other explained.

"I have as you may already realize taken more than a passive interest in this inquiry, so the questioning hardly develops on me. First, tell me why you adopted the name of Corbett?"

"Simply, enough," laughingly, I had heard that I was a detective, and I tried to get a name for myself. I was a detective, and I tried to get a name for myself. I was a detective, and I tried to get a name for myself."

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meet. Bear in mind, I was in business about seven years, and I am not yet thirty."

"Did you know his wife?"

"I have never, to my knowledge, seen her."

"How, then, can you account for the fact that she visited your flat at 11, Whitehall Mansions on November 6?"

"I may be such a stationer as to have someone."

"If it can be proved?"

"I assure you, on my honor, that it can."

"But look here, Bruce. Why should she come to see me? I question greatly if she knew of my existence."

"Nevertheless, it is the fact."

"I can only tell you it is not. I left London on November 8, and on the two previous evenings I dined alone. Mrs. Hiller, my landlady, can tell you that another man entered my flat for a week prior to my departure, except my sister and—and I had forgotten some workmen."

"Some workmen?"

"Yes, some fellows from a Russian workhouse."

"What were they doing?"

"Well, don't you see, I told you I was not well off, and my sister furnished my flat for me, in August, that was, but the drawing room was left bare for a time. Just before I left for France she decided to refurbish her drawing room, and she gave me the whole lot of it. The things were brought in by the men who brought her purchases."

At this astounding revelation Bruce and the detective were utterly taken aback. It was with difficulty that the barrister enunciated his next words clearly.

"You tell me with absolute certainty the date of this change of the furniture?"

"Oh, yes. It was the day before I started for the Riviera; that must have been November 7."

"Are you positive of this?"

"Yes, it is a matter of importance. Gwen, you know all about it. Besides, the bills for your new furniture will show the exact date of delivery, and it was the same day."

Mrs. Hiller's face was hidden by her hand, but she nodded solemnly.

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"Let us analyze the matter carefully," said Bruce, who had recovered his self-possession, though he was almost paralyzed by the possibilities of the situation. "Did the whole of the contents of your drawing room come from your sister's flat?"

"Every article. There was nothing there before but the bare boards."

"Do you remember a handsome ornamental dresser being among those articles?"

"Perfectly. My bookkeeper said the new broke it during the transit. They didn't ship it, and looked for the place where it had broken, but could not find it. She told me about it that night."

"Did you mention it to Mrs. Hiller?"

"No. To tell the honest truth, Gwen, and I had quarreled a couple of days before. That is to say, we disagreed completely about a certain matter, and it was this which led to my making off to Monte Carlo. Therefore it was hardly likely I should mention such a trivial matter to her."

"May I ask what you quarreled about?"

"The dresser's new was not, and its useless significance was not just on his bedstead."

Mrs. Hiller raised her veil. Her face was deathly pale and tense. Her eyes were fixed on Bruce. But in her eyes there was no fear, no anger, no reproach. She was waiting for her husband's next word.

"I do not think we need question Mrs. Hiller further," said the barrister to White.

"No," was the reply. "The matter is clear enough. Mrs. Hiller must tell us how that furniture came to be transferred from her premises on the morning of the 7th."

"Is this possible?"

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